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Majority prices for next week are trending lower in the Northeast, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the East, steady in the remaining areas. Retail demand was slow to light, and food service was fair to fairly good into fast food. Also, movement was irregular with some areas showing improvements to cover weekend needs, while others reported interest as being less than expected. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair, moderate where weekend needs increased. Breast items were not as plentiful, but at least adequate, except for tenders which were closely cleared. Wings were balanced to tight and moving well, and dark meat was mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/25/03-08/29/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	54.00-57.00	54.00-64.25	56.36	26
Los Angeles	74.00			
New York	57.00-60.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	67.50-69.00	52.00-71.00	68.45	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
880	63.10-70.50	68.39
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	209.00	1,289
BREASTS - B/S	208.50	5,052
BREASTS - WHOLE	104.50	1,758
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	918
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	8,456
WINGS	77.00	2,954

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week's trading was unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were fully sufficient for the limited trade interest. Demand was less than expected for the weekend, mostly slow to light into retail and mostly light to moderate at best into food service. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts items was for immediate needs only and for the most part very light. Supplies of large sized wings were short, regular wings adequate, breast items remained plentiful and discounted with dark meat cuts available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, barely steady to weak on whole and boneless/skinless breasts, and mostly steady on leg quarters.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with few features, and food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food outlets; however, movement is expected to improve as Labor Day approaches. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were balanced for tenders, but the other cuts were adequate to ample and at times discounted to clear. Wings received more interest and moved well, and dark meat was also moving well with supplies no more than adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Fridays' levels. The market tone was overall steady. Reported trading for next weeks' deliveries was at generally unchanged prices. Offerings easily adequate to cover immediate trade needs. Retail demand was moderate to good best to cover store features and fast food specials. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on breast and leg quarters steady to fully steady going into the weekend.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – roaster 99, boneless breast 188-469, leg quarter 10# bag 490, thigh 99-179, drumstick 99-179, wingettes 129;

Colorado – boneless breast 4# bag IQF 799, boneless breast 299, boneless thigh 199, split breast 179-199, drumstick 99-129, thigh 99-129, wing 4# bag IQF 549, (food service deli section fried – mixed 8 piece 449);

Northern California – whole cut-up 139, whole split 119, boneless breast 299-499, boneless breast 2.5# bag IQF 699, boneless thigh meat 299, split breast 139-199, whole leg 89, drumstick 99, thigh 99-139;

Southern California – whole body 57-79, roaster marinated 99, Cornish hen marinated 199, Cornish hen 12 count case 1899, boneless breast 397-399, boneless breast tenders 397-399, boneless thigh meat 199-399, boneless leg meat 79-89, boneless leg meat marinated 199, split breast 97-199, whole leg 67, leg quarter marinated 99, leg quarter 10# bag 370-390, wing 87-99, wing 4# bag IQF 699, thigh 57-87, drumstick 57-87, drumstick 5# bag 245, picnic pack includes drumstick and thigh 99, (food service deli section fried – mixed 8 piece 399-599 and 8 piece drumstick and thigh 378).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend but was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of breast items were available, but were noted as less burdensome today. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and wings were clearing well. Tenderloins were in a close balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was generally fair to moderate. The market tone was cautious on breast items, but at least steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings of 3 pound and heavier sizes were at least adequate to available; smaller sizes were generally sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 57 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were well cleared. Breasts items were available. Leg items were about adequate. Other items were generally adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	52-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.31
NO. OF BOXES	8,461
CUMULATIVE	
08/18/03-08/22/03	60.84
08/19/02-08/23/02	50.35
NO. OF BOXES	
08/18/03-08/22/03	37,817
08/19/02-08/23/02	48,483

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 21

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 22

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	891	172.00-240.00	172-175	177.25	892	172.00-240.00	172-174	175.1	4,447	177.39
TENDERLOINS	229	147.00-216.00	150-155	159.06	257	147.00-216.00	150-155	165.56	1,181	159.33
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	94.00-116.00	94-96	97.71	75	83.00-112.00	92-95	96.44	458	98.92
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				306	85.22
LEGS	118	29.00-50.00	32-33	33.86	103	31.00-50.00	30-33	34.03	517	33.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	625	25.50-29.00	26-27	26.85	613	25.50-29.00	27-28	27.33	5,334	27.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,140	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.58	1,490	28.00-33.00	29-31	29.56	6,000	29.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	265	70.00-81.00	-	78.42	282	70.00-81.00	-	78.3	2,962	79.67
WINGS (CUT)	462	80.00-89.00	82-85	83.32	404	80.00-90.00	80-83	83.41	2,324	83.38
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	54.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				141	51.61
B/S THIGHS	77	66.00-88.00	-	70.99	120	62.00-88.00	-	73.83	333	73.6

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS										
TRADING FOR AUGUST 21, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. TODAY'S										
	RANGE		AVERAGE			RANGE		AVERAGE		5-DAY
	53.25 - 58.50		56.08			52.75 - 58.50		56.21		56.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

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ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	180	182.60	501,200		180	182.20	516,600	182.20	2,543,670
TENDERLOINS	145	144.69	111,480		145-150	148.21	144,720	145.22	648,290
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	93.55	228,240		86-87	92.58	316,920	92.03	1,173,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	88.44	139,960		86	87.84	127,600	87.32	747,920
LEGS	37-38	37.21	238,560		37-38	36.26	382,800	36.58	1,459,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	29.06	332,030		27-28	28.68	416,086	28.66	1,939,001
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.41	138,580		33-34	37.85	124,600	37.71	647,740
THIGHS	26-27	36.80	62,490		26-27	38.99	65,360	36.11	345,540
B/S THIGHS	69-70	72.55	100,280		69-70	73.40	78,980	73.13	438,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	74.83	176,800		68-69	73.52	181,720	74.76	1,041,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	30,480		10-12	12.17	27,320	12.08	161,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	29.38	8,120		25-30	32.39	7,800	26.77	81,245
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	41.21	7,080		35-40	41.22	31,440	42.90	111,610

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	08/22	08/21	08/20	08/19	08/20	08/19	08/15	08/13		
ALA	4,208	4,014	3,965	4,006	5.12	4.94	4,415	5.19		
ARK	5,226	5,308	5,172	5,094	4.84	4.95	5,440	4.95		
DELMARVA	2,179	2,306	2,297	2,286	5.38	5.32	2,272	5.39		
KY-LA-TN	2,096	1,978	1,907	1,971	4.88	4.92	1,935	4.89		
MISS	2,625	3,040	3,051	3,074	5.16	5.27	3,031	5.37		
NC	2,497	2,573	2,551	2,659	6.13	6.10	2,647	6.05		
TEXAS	2,492	2,492	2,482	2,518	4.90	5.01	2,767	4.93		
TOTAL	21,323	21,711	21,425	21,514	5.16	5.18	22,507	5.22		
MON-FRI	108,600(A)				108,506(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Aug 03 and 23-Aug-03 is estimated to be 31,902,000 down 5.54 percent from a week ago and down 5.2 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 33,774,000; last year 33,660,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 23-Aug-03 is estimated to be 157,507,000 head down 3 percent from a week ago, and down 2 percent from a year ago
(Last week 161,757,000 Last year 160,767,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	107-109
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	100-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	155-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 09-Aug-03 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	22,630	22,655	50,566
Avg Weight	3.77	4.69	6.05
% of total /1	24%	24%	53%

COMPARISONS

Last week	21,506	25,470	42,988
Avg Weight	3.79	4.87	5.99
% of total /1	24%	28%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	17,251	21,381	28,745
Avg Weight	3.84	4.88	6.33
% of total /1	26%	32%	43%

To date/2003	776,978	742,692	1,461,251
To date/2002	888,326	758,322	1,414,830

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 16-Aug-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	161,757	1,225	1,483	2,708	414
AVG WT	5.18	3.54	7.95	5.96	6.63
LAST WEEK	160,883	1,044	1,471	2,515	430
SAME WK YR AGO	159,433	1,764	1,523	3,287	400
AVG WT	5.12	3.65	7.91	5.62	6.37
TO-DATE/2003	5,049,000	50,688	45,560	96,248	13,742
TO-DATE/2002	5,114,477	58,263	45,188	103,451	14,183

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.7 million head or 2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 19, 2003

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.75 - 1.20	Geese	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - 1.00	9-14 LBS	.45 - .60
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - .85	Pigeons	2.25 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.85 - 1.05	4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.05
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00	6-9 LBS	.85 - .90
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.65 - .90	Guinea Pigs	5.00 - 7.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.05 ea.	Goats	37.00 - 55.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00ea.	Doves	4.00 - 5.25ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.25ea.	Pullets	
Silkie	2.00 - 3.25ea.	4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
Total Coops Sold	430		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-AUG-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	140	146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	124-128	125-130
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63-66.50	63-65.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-86.50	65-70.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was good, typical for this time of year. Weights desirable. Schedules mostly full time despite the heat. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 18-AUG-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	107-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	12 161.8	160.4	101%	5.23
	19 159.1	160.8	99%	5.14
	26 159.2	162.6	98%	5.11
AUGUST	2 161.2	162.7	99%	5.14
	9 162.8	162.3	100%	5.26
	16 163.7	161.7	101%	5.18
YEAR TO DATE	5110.4	5174.9	99%	
AUGUST	23	160.3		
	30	157.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/23/03	08/16/03	% CHG	08/24/02	% CHG
Broilers	157,507	161,757*	-03	160,767*	-02
Cattle	725	723	0	723*	0
Hogs	1,887	1,968	-04	1,967*	-04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Trading was very light. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

20-25 MAJORITY 23-24

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

21-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-36 MAJORITY 33.5-34.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

30-38 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required for disposition of spent leghorn fowl were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for slaughter needs. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were higher when compared to the previous week. Offerings continued fully adequate to ample with demand light to moderate. Opinions of values were about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-11.75	6.25-10

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked light slaughter schedules. Offerings were generally adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25 -AUG-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were well supplied by reduced slaughter schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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